



# THE RIDOC AT A GLANCE

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## FACILITIES

### Maximum Security

\* Opened: 1878 \* Ave. Population (CY '11): 430 \* Capacity: 406  
\* Cost per inmate, per year: (FY '11) \$55,351 \*

### Minimum Security

\* Opened: 1978 \* Ave. Population (CY '11): 441 \* Capacity: 710  
\* Cost per inmate, per year: (FY '11) \$46,222 \*

### High Security Center

\* Opened: 1981 \* Ave. Population (CY '11): 90 \* Capacity: 138  
\* Cost per inmate, per year: (FY '11) \$172,352 \*

### Anthony P. Travisono Intake Service Center

\* Opened: 1982 \* Ave. Population (CY '11): 892 \* Capacity: 1,118  
\* Cost per inmate, per year: (FY '11) \$39,622 \*

### John J. Moran Medium Security Facility

\* Opened: 1990 \* Ave. Population (CY '11): 1,010 \* Capacity: 1,006  
\* Cost per inmate, per year: (FY '11) \$34,209 \*

### Gloria McDonald Women's Awaiting Trial and Medium Security Facility

\* Opened: Nov. 2010 \* Ave. Population (CY '11): 128 \* Capacity: 173  
\* Cost per inmate, per year: (FY '11) \$83,488 \*

### Bernadette Women's Minimum Security Facility

\* Opened: 2011 \* Ave. Population (CY '11): 53 \* Capacity: 100  
\* Cost per inmate, per year: (FY '11) \$83,488 \*

## COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (CY '11)

Community Corrections provides custody and program services for offenders who have been adjudicated by the courts and are residing in the community under correctional supervision.

- ~ There has been a 126% increase over the past 14 years in the number of men and women on community confinement.
- ~ Between CY '03 and CY '11, however, this population rose only 46%, or an additional 95 offenders.

### PROBATION AND PAROLE (CY '11)

- ♦ One of every 42 adult residents in RI is on probation or parole.
- ♦ One of every 25 men in RI is on probation or parole.
- ♦ One of every 133 women in RI is on probation or parole.
- ♦ In Providence, 1 in 10 men aged 25-29 is on probation or parole.
- ♦ In Pawtucket, 1 in 10 men aged 25-29 is on probation or parole.
- ♦ In Central Falls, 1 in 10 men aged 25-29 is on probation or parole.
- ♦ From FY '97-FY '11, the Probation & Parole population increased by 37%.
- ♦ RI ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Northeast in the number of probationers per 100,000 adult residents (Data as of 2008).
- ♦ Based on the 2008 *ACA Directory*, RI has the highest generic probation case loads in the country and more than three times the national average case load size.

### COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT

- Over 10,000 people have participated in the program since records became computerized in 1995. These include those adjudicated, civil purges, parolees, and pre-trial. The program actually began in 1989.
- The recidivism rate for inmates whose sentences were completed on Home Confinement is 17% over one year vs. 28% for those who remained inside the prison walls.
- From CY '99 - CY '11, the Community Confinement population increased by 14%.

## OFFENDER STATISTICS

### ETHNICITY

	Females		Males		Total
Black	33	3%	916	97%	949
White	109	7%	1,347	93%	1,456
Asian	1	2%	52	98%	53
Hispanic	21	3%	638	97%	659
Amer Ind	3	15%	17	85%	20
Other	2	13%	13	87%	15
Missing	1	100%	0	0%	1
TOTAL	170	5%	2,983	95%	3,153

This is stock data as of 3/31/12. *Please note:* RIDOC records Hispanic as race rather than ethnicity. Thus we can't determine whether inmates identifying themselves as Hispanic are white or black. Those identifying themselves as white or black may also be Hispanic.

### SENTENCE LENGTH (SENTENCED COMMITMENTS)

The following offender statistics are based on CY '11:

- In total, 61% of inmates are sentenced to serve 6 months or less.
- 41% are sentenced to serve 90 days or less.
- An additional 19% are sentenced to serve 3-6 months.

### LIFERS

- ★ On 3/31/12, there were 151 RI inmates serving a Life sentence; 23 were serving out of state.
- ★ On 3/31/12, there were 27 RI inmates serving a sentence of Life without Parole; 4 are serving out of state.
- ★ Since 1990, there have been five inmates who died while serving a Life sentence and two who died while serving Life without Parole.

### RECIDIVISM

- ♦ Of the sentenced offenders released in CY '09, 28% returned to the RIDOC under sentence within one year of release.
- ♦ Of the inmates released from sentence, 32% returned under sentence within one year, 46% by two years, and 54% within three years of release.
- ♦ Offenders with higher levels of education were less likely to return to prison.

### POPULATION TRENDS (During CY '11)

- The average total population decreased by 3.7%.
- The sentenced population decreased by 2.5%.
- The pre-trial population decreased by 11.1%.
- From CY '95 - CY '11, there has been a 16.8% increase in total population.

### FROM FY 1976 - FY 2011 (35-year period)

- The population increased by 443%, or 12% annually.
- The male inmate population increased by 424%.
- The female inmate population increased by 1,160%, however, females still constitute only 6% of the total RIDOC population.

### COMMITMENTS & RELEASES

- ♦ In CY '11, there were 15,084 commitments (11,469 pre-trial and 3,615 sentenced).
- ♦ In CY '11, there were 14,942 releases (11,242 pre-trial and 3,700 sentenced).
- ♦ The average age of those committed was 33.
- ♦ 56% of those committed and released were white; 24% were black; 18% were Hispanic.
- ♦ Only 14% of those committed and released were female.
- ♦ 37% of men and 55% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- ♦ Of the awaiting trial commitments, 41% were new commitments and 31% were committed for "failure to appear" (for court).
- ♦ Of the sentenced commitments, 69% were newly sentenced and 26% were committed due to a probation violation.
- ♦ The majority of offenders came from and were released to the City of Providence (28%).



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## RIDOC'S DIRECTORS

Anthony Trivisono	07-01-1972 to 08-02-1974
Donald Taylor*	08-03-1974 to 02-28-1976
Bradford Southworth	03-01-1976 to 02-11-1978
John Moran	02-12-1978 to 07-28-1990
Donald Ventetuolo*	07-29-1990 to 01-12-1991
George Vose	01-13-1991 to 10-01-1999
A.T. Wall**	10-02-1999 to present

\*Temporary Directors during the search for a new director. \*\*Director Wall was temporarily assigned as Director from 10-02-99 to 3-8-00. He was officially appointed to Director on 3-9-2000.

## RIDOC'S WORKFORCE

As of 3/31/12:

Total # of employees: 1,442  
# of Bargaining Units represented by workforce: 7  
# of employees who self report as minorities: 251  
# of employees who are military: 68  
# of employees currently on military leave: 15

## HISTORIC EVENTS

**Riots:** 1969, 1978, 1985, 1988, 1991, and 1992

**All Time High (Inmate Population):**  
4,000 on 9/16/07

## A LOOK BACK IN TIME - INMATE POPULATION ON 11/4/76

Maximum	343	302 sentenced	41 awaiting trial
Medium	120	52 sentenced	68 awaiting trial
Minimum	68	68 sentenced	0 awaiting trial
Work Release	35	35 sentenced	0 awaiting trial
Women's	14	7 sentenced	7 awaiting trial
TOTAL	580	464	116
Escapes	8		
GRAND TOTAL	588		

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## RIDOC TIMELINE

*A sampling of significant events in the RIDOC's history*

**1867** The State's oldest operational prison, Maximum Security, opened. It was originally designed to house 252 inmates.  
**1930** RIDOC C.O. James McVay was killed in the line of duty.  
**1933** An addition of 198 cells was added to Old Max.  
**1972** The Rhode Island Department of Corrections was created by statute with formal jurisdiction over the Adult Correctional Institutions and Probation and Parole.  
**1973** RIDOC C.O. Donald Price was killed in the line of duty.  
**1977** Federal court order on conditions of confinement imposed.  
**1980s** The DOC embarked on long-term building/construction campaign to increase the number of beds to meet the needs of the increasing prisoner population.  
The RI population started to see steady increases in population from year to year.  
**1981** The High Security Center opened, with a capacity of 96 cells.  
**1982** The Intake Service Center opened, with a capacity of 168 cells.  
**1984** The original Gloria McDonald building opened as a women's prison.  
**1986** The War on Drugs intensified in RI with the introduction of crack. There was an increase in penalties for minor drug violations. RI Parole Guidelines were modified to increase the amount of time served until parole eligibility for drug offenders.  
**1988** The General Assembly passed legislation making possession of as little as 1 oz. of heroin or cocaine subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years. Voters amended the State constitution to permit denial of bail in cases of drug offenses carrying a sentence of 10 years or more. As a result, the RI population begins a sharp climb, growing 85% from 1986 to 1990.  
**1990** The Price Medium Security Facility was designated as a special needs unit.  
The Medium I (now John J. Moran) Facility opened in November with a capacity of 576 beds.  
**1992** The Intake Service Center (North side) was opened, with a capacity for 900 offenders.  
**1993** The Price facility was closed due to budget cuts.  
**1995** Termination of Federal Court order.  
**1996** Medium I was dedicated to former Director Moran and renamed the John J. Moran Medium Security Facility.  
**1997** The Price Medium Security Facility was reopened for lower risk Medium custody inmates. It was renamed the Donald Price Medium Security Facility in honor of C.O. Donald Price, who was killed in 1973 in the line of duty.  
**2003** Governor Carcieri issued an Executive Order establishing a Governor's Steering Committee on corrections reform and prisoner reentry. This committee was designed to create a comprehensive plan and systematic approach to promoting reentry strategies for all offenders prior to release from incarceration with continued support from Probation and Parole, community-based agencies, and all other State agencies after release.  
**2008** The General Assembly enacted legislation to moderate the growth of the inmate census by equalizing the rate of earned time among all inmates other than sex offenders and by providing incentives for inmates to participate in treatment and programs that can reduce their risk to re-offend upon release.  
**2010** (December) new Gloria McDonald Women's Facility opened.  
(March) Intake Service Center was formally dedicated and renamed the Anthony P. Trivisono Intake Service Center.  
**2011** (December) The new Women's Bernadette Minimum Security Facility opened.  
(June) The Donald Price Medium Security Facility was closed due to budgetary concerns.  
**2012** (June) The Legislature passed new legislation decriminalizing the possession of an oz. or less of marijuana.  
The General Assembly passed legislation making certain violent offenders ineligible for good behavior on a going-forward basis.